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KISSINGER TO AFRICA

ANNCR: NEWS ANALYST FRED GALVAN EXAMINES SOME OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S VISIT TO SEVEN BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS--A MISSION WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

VOICE: FOR MORE THAN A DECADE AND A HALF THE UNITED STATES HAS SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF BLACK AFRICA TOWARD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. AMERICAN PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE MANY TIMES HAVE STATED A GENERALIZED AIM--POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMINATION FOR BLACK AFRICA WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. THAT IS WHY THE UNITED STATES HAS FIRMLY RESISTED THE INTRUSION OF ALIEN POWERS IN AFRICA, SUCH AS THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA IN ANGOLA. AND BY AND LARGE, AMERICAN POLICY HAS RESULTED IN GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE FORMER EUROPEAN COLONIES IN AFRICA.

IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ON THURSDAY DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HIS VISIT TO SEVEN BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS AT A WASHINGTON NEWS CONFERENCE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CONDUCT OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN ENTIRELY FREE OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND MISINTERPRETATIONS IN THE PAST.

BUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT NOW FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS HE WILL VISIT IS TO FORGET THE PAST AND TO CONCENTRATE ON THE FUTURE. DOCTOR KISSINGER EMPHASIZED THAT A FUNDAMENTAL AIM OF HIS TRIP IS TO DISCUSS WITH HIS HOSTS WAYS OF BRINGING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THAT GOAL. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION SPECIFICALLY ON RHODESIA, DOCTOR KISSINGER INDICATED HE IS

CONVINCED THAT THE EMERGENCE OF MAJORITY RULE THERE IS INEVITABLE. WHAT THE U.S. IS SEEKING IN RHODESIA, HE IMPLIED, IS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS.

THE GIST OF THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS IS THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST ADJUST TO THE REALITIES THAT BLACK AFRICA REPRESENTS IN TODAY'S WORLD. ACCORDINGLY, ANOTHER MAJOR AIM OF HIS TRIP IS TO PROVIDE WASHINGTON WITH A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF AFRICA'S CONCERNS--MANY OF WHICH THE UNITED STATES SHARES. SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING WILL FACILITATE WASHINGTON'S DEVELOPMENT OF WHAT DOCTOR KISSINGER CALLED "AN INTEGRATED POLICY" IN AFRICA.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE KISSINGER VISIT TO BLACK AFRICA IS TO PUT FLESH ON THE BONES OF THE LONG-STANDING AMERICAN POLICY OF PROMOTING SELF-DETERMINATION AND MAJORITY RULE THERE--PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN SO DOING, THE UNITED STATES IS RECOGNIZING THE DEPTH AND FORCE OF THE COMMITMENT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA'S BLACK MAJORITIES TO THAT CONCEPT.

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